

Sat 17 Nov		Sustainable Infrastructure
Exploring the role of sustainable infrastructure in linking major themes and targets of CBD, UNFCCC and other conventions, policy steps to ensure that biodiversity is fully incorporated and protected in infrastructure finance and development, and practical solutions for achieving sustainable infrastructure at all levels, from planning to implementation. <i>Organizers and partners: The Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Asian Development Bank, UNDP, Global Environment Facility, European Investment Bank, Large Landscapes Coalition, Infra-Eco Network Europe, IISD, Ram Rating Services Malaysia</i>		
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Buffet lunch</b>	
13:30 -14:50	<b>High-Level Panel: Framing a New Vision for the Future of Infrastructure</b> Launching the Rio Conventions Pavilion and Sustainable Infrastructure Day - Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, CBD Getting infrastructure right across the Rio Conventions – Nik Sekhran, WWF Jaguars: Living in a fragmented landscape – maintaining critical corridors – Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister of Environment, Costa Rica Iconic Species: A future with tigers, snow leopards, and pandas, <i>and</i> the infrastructure we need – Margaret Kinnaird, WWF	
14:50 – 15:40	<b>Paving the way: Getting a head start on good decisions through science-based ‘upstream’ planning and policies</b> National level ecosystem services assessments and planning, marine spatial planning, strategies for supporting early planning for sustainable infrastructure investments	
15:40-16:10	<b>Coffee Break and Poster Session</b>	
16:10-17:00	<b>Wild Highways: Securing natural infrastructure services and designing built infrastructure to maintain nature’s flows and connectivity</b> Insuring coral reefs for coral resilience, road ecology and harmonizing linear infrastructure with nature, designing infrastructure to maintain large animal connectivity	
17:00- 17:50	<b>Risks and incentives: Steering finance and industry toward sustainable infrastructure</b> ESG in credit ratings and UN Principles on responsible investing, Sustainable Asset Valuation tool, Cross-sector risk management approaches, Dow’s approach to risk mitigation in the coastal zone	
18:00	<b>Closing Session</b>	
Sun 18 Nov		Africa Ecological Future: For People and Planet
Launch of the Africa Ecological Future (AEF) initiative on the conservation of nature, biodiversity and Africa’s important natural assets, and mainstreaming AEF thinking into various sector policies like conservation, food, forest and infrastructure. <i>Organizers: WWF</i>		
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> Chair: Yemi Katerere, WWF, Regional Office Africa	
10:20 – 11:20	<b>Setting the Scene on Africa’s Ecological Future</b> Introduction of African Ecological Futures WWF Regional Office Africa Main outcomes of the IPBES Regional Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem. Services for Africa and the Thematic Assessment on land Degradation And Restoration	
11.20 –12.20	<b>Safeguarding the Ecology</b> PARAP - how to justify an afro-tropical protected area network to achieve CBD’s Aichi Target 11 Salonga – Conserving Africa’s largest rainforest park and contributing to development Save the Mangroves for achieving the SDGs in Africa	
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch break</b>	
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Reconciling forest &amp; food – the potential of landscape restoration and food security</b> The Potential of Forest Landscape Restoration and the Importance of soil rehabilitation for food security and biodiversity in Africa	
14.30 –15.30	<b>Cities and infrastructure development in Africa – Challenges and risks</b> Trends in infrastructure and cities development in Africa Update on African Development Bank’s work on physical infrastructure and potential for futures thinking How do we ensure that the future development of African cities is resilient and an integral part of the landscape	
15.30 – 15.45	<b>Coffee break</b>	
15.45 – 17.00	<b>The future of biodiversity we want for Africa – A joint programme to shape Africa’s Ecological</b>	

	<p><b>Future</b> Chair: Monique Ntumngia, Founder of the Green Girls Organisation; 2017 WWF Africa Youth Champion Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iddi Hamisa Nyachenga, Founder @ Green Power Tanzania</li> <li>• Maoga Unelker, Founder @ Konservation</li> <li>• Alexandra Rasoamanana, Malagasy YBN</li> <li>• Marie Tamoifo, Founder @ AJVC, Association</li> </ul>
17.00 – 18.00	<p><b>The future we want for Africa – A joint programme to shape Africa’s Ecological Future</b> <b>Chair/ Moderator: Fred Kumah</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marco Lambertini, WWF International, Director General</li> <li>• Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General DG Environment, EU Commission</li> <li>• Roger Milla, Ambassador to Africa Causes</li> <li>• Monique Ntumngia, Youth Representative from Cameroon</li> </ul>
18.00	<b>Reception, networking. Participants are invited to display posters</b>
<b>Sun 18 Nov (evening)</b>	<b>Celebrating Innovation in Protected and Conserved Area Financing: Meet the Winners of the Inaugural Pathfinder Award</b>
18:00	The Pathfinder Award for innovation in nature conservation celebrates innovative solutions for ensuring investment in protected and conserved areas. In this session, experts from IUCN and UNDP will discuss with the award winners what made their approaches successful and how their solutions can be replicated in other parts of the world. <i>Partners: IUCN and UNDP</i>
<b>Mon 19 Nov</b>	<b>Scenarios for Transformational Change</b>
	<p>Highlighting the use of scenarios (quantitative and qualitative, across all scales and sectors) as tools for transformational change for biodiversity outcomes.</p> <p>Organizers and partners: CSIRO, DRIFT, IIASA, NIWA, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, Université Paris-Sud, IIASA</p>
09:00-09:15	<b>Welcome</b>
09:15-10:10	<p><b>Scenarios and transformative change</b> How can scenario-analysis support the achievement of the objectives of the CBD, UNFCCC and UNCCD, the development of the new strategic plan and how can it contribute to realising transformative change for biodiversity?</p>
10:10-10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30-11:45	<p><b>Shared-Socio Economic Pathways (SSPs) &amp; biodiversity</b> This session will present the outcomes of analyses of the SSPs for biodiversity and ecosystem services. Results of these analyses have been used in the UNCCD Global Land Outlook and the IPBES regional and land degradation and restoration assessments.</p>
12:00-13:00	<p><b>Bending the curve of 21st century biodiversity trends</b> In the recent years, the scientific community produced a few global-scale assessments of forward-looking scenarios for biodiversity, as impacted by future land-use change. For example, the Rio+20 scenarios as analysed in GBO-4 aimed at eliciting alternative pathways compatible with both halting biodiversity loss and reaching a set of broader targets such as maintaining global warming below 1.5°Celsius by 2100 and feeding the world.</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15.10	<p><b>Scenario-insights for operationalising the 2050 vision</b> Short recap of morning sessions, followed by a roundtable discussion on what we can learn about operationalising and quantifying objectives for the 2050 vision from scenario-analysis.</p>
15:20-16:30	<p><b>Interdisciplinary scientific support for sustainability transitions to bend the curve of biodiversity loss</b> How can governance and scenario support be developed for countries to advance desired sustainability transitions in biodiversity-relevant sectors of their economies.</p>
16:30-16:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:45-18:00	<p><b>Closing panel CBD Post-2020 and connections UNCCD, UNFCCC, SDG Agenda</b> What are the major lessons from scenario-analysis for the new post-2020 Global Biodiversity framework and how could scenario-analysis strengthen the link between IPCC, IPBES and the Global Land Outlook to support more coherent policy agendas of these conventions, as well as the realisation of the SDGs?</p>
18:00-19:00	<b>Reception</b>

Tue 20 Nov	Nature Futures Scenarios
Discussing the IPBES Nature Futures scenario results as tools for exploring policies that enhance the feasibility of visions, identifying pathways and ensuring sectoral and regional relevance of the visions. <i>Organizers and partners: IPBES, PBL, iDiv, NIWA, CSIRO and WUR</i>	
09:00-10:00	<b>What are “Nature Futures” and why do we need them?</b> This session will introduce the context of the global and sub-global scenario development processes, their role in supporting global biodiversity policies, and set the stage for discussing the Nature Futures framework in subsequent sessions.
10:00-10:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:20-12:00	<b>Experiencing the Nature Futures process in a marine context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the interactive exercise and the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Interactive exercise on the identification of perspectives on human-nature relationships within the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Group work on key steps in formulating possible pathways towards positive Nature Futures in the oceans</li> <li>• Recap and way forward for the development of Nature Futures scenarios</li> </ul>
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00-14:40	<b>Experiencing the Nature Futures process in a rural context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the interactive exercise and the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Interactive exercise on the identification of perspectives on human-nature relationships within the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Group work on key steps in formulating possible pathways towards positive Nature Futures in rural areas</li> <li>• Recap and way forward for the development of Nature Futures scenarios</li> </ul>
14:40-15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00-16:40	<b>Experiencing the Nature Futures process in an urban context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the interactive exercise and the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Interactive exercise on the identification of perspectives on human-nature relationships within the Nature Futures framework</li> <li>• Group work on key steps in formulating possible pathways towards positive Nature Futures in rural areas</li> <li>• Recap and way forward for the development of Nature Futures scenarios</li> </ul>
16:40-17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00-18:15	<b>Recap on outcomes and their relevance to the CBD Post-2020 discussions, IPBES, UNCCD, UNFCCC, and SDG Agenda</b> The participants will discuss the outcomes of the group exercises and identify potential opportunities and challenges, and reflect on the role that Nature Futures scenarios might play in informing the CBD post-2020 discussions, and supporting other Rio Conventions and the UN Sustainable Development Agenda
Wed 21 Nov	Rethinking Biodiversity Governance for Transformational Change
Consider how biodiversity governance can become transformative, and where CBD can build on its achievements. <i>Partners: SwedBio/SRC, IDDRI, FNI, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, Strathclyde University, UN Environment, UNEP-WCMC, Agence Française pour la Biodiversité (AFB)</i>	
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome by the organizers</b> Setting the stage: introductory presentation on behalf of Rethinking Biodiversity Network
09:15-10:15	<b>Global changes and biodiversity governance</b> Roundtable discussions to set the scene for next sessions, that will focus on various governance issues and actors and their contribution to a transformational post-2020 biodiversity framework.
10:15-10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30-11:30	<b>The conventions landscape in a post-2020 context</b> Facilitated discussion on the biodiversity governance landscape and exploration of ways in which a post-2020 biodiversity framework could strengthen transformative biodiversity governance.
11:40-12:40	<b>Human rights and biodiversity: how to design the post-2020 governance system</b> Highlighting the role of human rights for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and on the role of biodiversity for human rights, and a debate on how the biodiversity governance landscape can play a stronger role in linking biodiversity with human rights in the post-2020 framework.
12:40-13:40	<i>Lunch</i>
13:40-14:40	<b>How to create an enabling environment to engage businesses in the post 2020 global biodiversity</b>

	<b>framework?</b> Identifying the key success factors to mobilize the private sector in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
14:50-15:50	<b>The future of biodiversity governance for civil society</b> IPLCs, NGOs and CSOs will debate how enhanced biodiversity governance can strengthen their standing and influence in a post-2020 context.
15:50-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00-17:00	<b>Local governance – the key role of cities and other sub-national initiatives in transformative change for biodiversity</b> Case-studies and lessons learned about the involvement of local governments for biodiversity in Mexico, South Africa and France.
17:10-18:10	<b>Post-2020 – Policy panel</b> Key messages from the previous sessions concerning options for a design of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework that responds to the different biodiversity governance issues in a synergistic manner and a high-level discussion with country representatives.
18:10-19:00	<b>Reception</b>
<b>Thu 22 Nov</b>	<b>Protected Areas</b>
	Support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and the long-term strategy for capacity-building which will be adopted at CBD COP15. <i>Organizers and partners: CBD, European Union, other partners</i>
9:00-9:40	<b>Opening Session</b> Cristiana Paşca Palmer, UN Assistant Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Stefan Leiner (EU), Matthias Krause (Germany-BMZ), Yosuke Kuramoto (Government of Japan), Tomas Anker Christensen (on behalf of UN SG Special Envoy on Oceans), Kathy MacKinnon (IUCN/World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)), Alexander Shestakov (Head of Science, Society, and Sustainable Futures Division)
9:40-10:40	<b>Technical Session 1: Experiences from Sub-regional Implementation Support Networks</b> Clarissa Arida (ACB), East and Southeast Asia, Amanda Wheatley (SPREP), Pacific Islands, Ruchi Pant (UNDP), Southern Asia.
10:40 -11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00-12:00	<b>Technical Session 2: Experiences from Sub-regional Implementation Support Networks</b> Imen Meliane (IUCN), Middle East & North Africa (MENA) and West Asia, Monica Alvarez (Pronatura Mexico/REDPARQUES), Kerry Sink and Alan Boyd (Government of South Africa)
12:00-13:00	<b>Technical Session 3: Protected Areas and Synergies with Other Conventions</b> Marc Zimsky (GEF) - GEF allocations to protected areas, Maria Rivera (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands), Meriem Bouamrane (UNESCO), Fernando Camacho (Government of Mexico) – PAs contributing to national strategies under UNFCCC
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>
14:00-15:30	<b>Technical Session 4: Governance and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance: Representative (Germany; BMZ) and Terence Hay-Edie (UNDP)</li> <li>• Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs): Harry Jonas (WCPA Task Force on OECMs), Representatives of two countries (TBD), FAO representative, Country examples</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee Break and Networking</b>
16:00-17:00	<b>Technical Session 5: Multiple Benefits: Protected Areas as Natural Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamison Ervin (UNDP) - Overview of Protected Areas as nature-based climate solutions</li> <li>• Nigel Dudley (IUCN-WCPA) - Social and economic benefits of Protected Areas</li> <li>• Karen Keenleyside (IUCN-WCPA) - Healthy Parks, Healthy People</li> <li>• Yosuke Kuramoto (Government of Japan) - PAs and Disaster Risk Reduction</li> </ul>
17:00-18:15	<b>Technical Session 6: Strengthening Protected Area for the Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naomi Kingston (UNEP-WCMC), Tracking Progress: The 2018 Protected Planet Report and the UN List of Protected Areas</li> <li>• James Watson (WCS), The performance and potential of protected areas</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caiphus E. Khumalo (Government of South Africa) - Progress with implementing METT in South Africa</li> <li>• James Hardcastle (IUCN –GPAP), The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas</li> <li>• Seychelles representative / Midori Paxton (UNDP) – Financing solutions for Protected Areas</li> </ul>
18:30-19:30	<b>Reception and Partnership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting of candle and passing from one partner to the next partner to celebrate the partnership declaration</li> <li>• Reception</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 23 Nov (morning)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Building Capacity Beyond 2020</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and the long-term strategy for capacity-building which will be adopted at CBD COP15 <i>Organizers: UN Environment</i></p>
09:00 – 10:45	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <b>Experiences: From Global to National Concept:</b> Experiences in capacity building for biodiversity issues, including lessons learned, emerging capacity needs and sharing of country experiences (GEF, UNEP-WCMC)
10:45- 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> <i>(Digital Photo Exhibit on display)</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Into the Future: the post-2020 frameworks</b> A facilitated debate to look into the future and prepare the ground for post-2020 capacity building, including integrated approaches (GEF, CBD)
<b>Fri 23 Nov (afternoon)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Biodiversity Mitigation Hierarchy and the Role of the Private Sector in Conservation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This session will focus on industry best practice and national policies by exploring one of the tools proven to be of fundamental importance to industry and finance for effective biodiversity management; the mitigation hierarchy. The sessions will delve into best practices in the four stages of the mitigation hierarchy: Avoidance, Mitigation, Restoration, and Offsets. <i>Organizers and partners: Cross-Sector Biodiversity Initiative, TNC</i></p>
12:30-13:15	Lunch (hosted by the GEF in celebration of the IUCN in cooperation with IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC), Steering Committee)
13:15- 14:00	<b>Panel and Discussion with Audience: Biodiversity Impact Avoidance</b> The first panel will discuss what avoidance is, why it is important and how companies avoid biodiversity impacts using best practice tools and guidance.
14:00- 14:30	<b>Panel and Discussion with Audience: Biodiversity Impact Mitigation</b> The second panel will discuss whether or not mitigation mandates are ambiguous and what it means to adequately mitigate biodiversity impacts? Successful examples of mitigation at the corporate level. Successful examples of policies? Do most countries have mitigation mandates? What Key Performance Indicators do companies use? Examples of mitigation techniques: Wire insulation and deflectors on transmissions lines – methods to deter wildlife from water treatment ponds, onshore/offshore oil and gas development.
14:45- 15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:00- 15:30	<b>Panel and Discussion with Audience: Offsetting</b> The panelists will also explore offset policies around the world, what works, what doesn't. Voluntary offsets and payments for ecosystem services. Could voluntary forest carbon credits and government payments for ecosystem service impacts collaborate to make conservation profitable? What are the moral hazards of revenue generating conservation facilities? The economics of offsets – do companies account for and thus do a better job to avoid when internalizing the costs of offsets? Opportunities for improvement and how new technologies may play a role.
15:30- 16:00	<b>Coffee Break and Poster Session</b> Disruptive technologies in biodiversity conservation
16:00- 17:15	<b>Panel and Discussion with Audience: New Technologies and the Future of the Mitigation Hierarchy</b>
17:15- 17:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>
<b>Fri 23 Nov (evening)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning from Local Solutions for Achieving Global Biodiversity Targets: The PANORAMA - Solutions for a Healthy Planet Initiative</b></p>

17:45	<b>Introducing PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet</b> , a multi-thematic, multi-partner initiative for learning and knowledge management, its value for CBD parties, and launching a new PANORAMA theme on “Business engagement in nature conservation” <i>IUCN, GIZ, Rare, GRID-Arendal, UN Environment, IFOAM-Organics International</i>
Sat 24 Nov	<b>Health Day: Harnessing biodiversity for healthy and resilient societies</b> Taking an in-depth look at emerging initiatives, partnerships, tools and opportunities for engagement to support mainstreaming of biodiversity for health with a focus on integrated approaches to health in an effort to maximize ecosystem and human health co-benefits <i>Organizers and partners: CBD Secretariat and World Health Organization. Partners: ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Biodiversity and Community Health Initiative, Bioversity International, Ecohealth Alliance, FAO, FIOCRUZ, Healthy Urban Microbiome Initiative, IUCN, Network for the Evaluation of One Health, OIE, Towards A Safer World Network, United</i>
9:30-9:50	Welcome Remarks. CBD & WHO.
9:50 – 10:45	<b>Panel 1: Creating healthy and resilient societies: Local Perspectives</b> Healthy ecosystems and bio-cultural diversity nurture life on Earth and enhance human health and well-being. The relevance of biodiversity and traditional knowledge to modern health care delivery is evident in the diverse community based practices that sustainably manage natural resources to support healthier, more resilient communities. The relevance of access to health care of communities in economically disadvantaged and/or relatively isolated regions of the world is fundamentally connected to their very survival. Use of biodiversity and ecological resources to support community health has been developed in different bio-cultural ecosystems in communities around the globe.
10:45- 11:05	<i>Coffee, tea and light refreshments</i>
11:05-12:00	<b>Panel 2: Harnessing local and national commitments to achieve Planetary Health Mainstreaming</b> biodiversity and health for sustainable development requires collaboration across all levels of governance and sectors of society. Drawing on recent examples led by partners at the local, national and regional levels, partners will present innovative crosssectoral work undertaken to bridge the science-policy gap at the intersection of global environmental changes and human health and stimulate discussion on approaches and modalities for building a community of practice for biodiversity and health to support the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, the Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 agenda for sustainable development.
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch hosted by the Ecohealth Alliance</i>
13:00 – 14:15	<b>Official Launch: 2020 Challenge - Healthy Urban Microbiome Initiative</b> Green spaces have long been thought healthy places within stressful urban environments that are restorative of human health. These urban oases range from remnant natural vegetation to community inspired urban food gardens that contain a broad range of macrobiodiversity, but poorly studied microbiomes. This event will launch an innovative new 2020 challenge aimed at bringing together 20 cities from 20 countries by COP 15 in 2020.
14:20 – 15:30	<b>Panel 3: Healthy Food Systems for a Sustainable Future</b> Feeding the world sustainably while protecting biodiversity and promoting good nutrition is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Climate and environmental changes further threaten ecosystems resilience, health and food security and nutrition of millions of the most vulnerable populations. Food and nutrition security are intimately interconnected with biodiversity and the health of our ecosystems and there are many co-benefits to transforming the global food system through innovative partnerships, sustainable practices and healthy diets. These will be explored in the context of the SDGs.
	<i>Coffee, tea and light refreshments</i>
15:45 - 16:55	<b>Panel 4: Linking public health and ecosystem approaches for the prevention of infectious diseases</b> The operationalization of integrative approaches such as One Health have successfully engaged different sectors to jointly address challenges associated with land use change, ecosystem degradation, and disease emergence. Opportunities, best practices and tools to strengthen cross-sectoral integration & support will be presented
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Panel 5: A Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework for healthy and resilient societies</b> This closing session will seek to provide insights on how countries and partners can meaningfully contribute to the dialogue on the post- 2020 global biodiversity framework, to ensure key issues at the intersection of biodiversity and health are well-embedded and aligned with global commitments for sustainable development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 agenda for Sustainable development.
Sun 25 Nov	<b>Agriculture and Biodiversity</b>

<p>The Agriculture Day will bring the perspectives of different stakeholders to illustrate why, how and who are championing solutions to protect biodiversity, while increasing productivity and improving livelihoods <i>Organizers and Partners: FAO, CBD</i></p>	
09:30- 10:00	<p><b>Biodiversity for sustainable agriculture and food security and nutrition</b> To achieve the SDGs a transformation of the current agricultural and food systems is necessary, which includes production, processing, distribution and consumption of food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote / Biodiversity mainstreaming: from Cancun to Beijing by Hesiquio Benitez Diaz, Mexico</li> <li>• Facilitator and introduction: Monica Kobayashi, CBD</li> </ul>
10:05- 11:00	<p><b>Soil in the nexus: UNCBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD</b> Soil is the key to achieve the objectives of the three UN conventions on biodiversity, climate change and land degradation. By halting and reversing soil and land degradation trends, soil biodiversity can be preserved or even enhanced, and the potential of soils to mitigate and adapt to climate change can be unleashed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote / Soil and Biodiversity: role and importance in the nexus by Kelly Ramirez (Netherlands Institute of Ecology)</li> </ul>
11:05 – 12:00	<p><b>Biodiversity for food and nutrition: challenges and opportunities</b> Why have our food systems come to rely on such a narrow range of plants of limited nutritional value? Today three plants (rice, maize and wheat) account for more than 50% of calories consumed while we continue to neglect the huge wealth of nutrient-rich biodiversity utilized by humanity at one time or another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote: The State of Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture By Secretariat, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</li> </ul>
12:05- 13:00	<p><b>The power of pollinators to transform the agricultural systems</b> In the broader context, pollinators can be considered an important link for agriculture, forestry, biodiversity, food security, habitat conservation, human health and nutrition. Pollinator-friendly measures have the potential to increase productivity, can act as proxies for sustainability and contribute to achieve many global agreements.</p>
13:00- 13.20	<p><b>Lunch Networking</b></p>
13:25- 14:25	<p><b>Feeding the planet and protecting biodiversity: can we choose both outcomes?</b> The objective of this session is to discuss how agriculture and environment policies and practices can better support each other towards biodiversity-positive outcomes, whilst ensuring food and nutrition security.</p>
14:30-16:00	<p><b>Agroecological approaches and biodiversity-friendly practices to increase productivity</b> Discussion topic: across many different production systems, agriculture is practised over a broad range of agroecological zones and cultural contexts, with a connection to the biodiversity and ecosystem services in a specific location. Biodiversity is an important element of Agroecology, as is the co-creation of knowledge.</p>
16:00-16:15	<p><b>Coffee Break Networking</b></p>
16:15- 17:15	<p><b>Making the transition to sustainable agriculture: articulation of regulation and incentives at landscape level</b> For rural producers to adopt more sustainable practices the right incentives (economic, regulatory or a mix thereof) can help reach a new equilibrium with restored and productive landscapes, producing higher environmental benefits, on farm and beyond, with lower opportunity costs to rural producers [responding to CBD Decision XIII/3, paragraph 32]. Based on their experience, five panelists will discuss how better articulation of regulation and incentives can be achieved.</p>
17.20- 17.30	<p><b>Conclusions: Jeff Griffin, FAO</b></p>
17.30- 18.30	<p><b>Special event: Launch of UN Environment publication “Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Production Landscapes”</b> This publication summarizes the outcomes, lessons learned, good practices and technical assistance provided to developing countries by UN Environment on mainstreaming conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity through a diverse portfolio of GEF-supported projects in over 36 countries.</p>
<b>Mon 26 Nov</b>	<p><b>Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change</b></p>
<p>Highlighting ecosystem-based approaches and other nature-based solutions to adapt to climate change, and discuss ways to implement the Voluntary Guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate</p>	

change adaptation (EbA) and disaster risk reduction (Eco-DRR) <i>Organizers and partners: Friends of EbA (FEBA), SwedBio at SRC, GIZ, IUCN, PEDRR, CBD</i>	
09:30-10:30	<b>Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity in National Level Policy (SwedBio)</b> The session, based on findings from a series of regional dialogues on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation, will provide opportunities for countries to share and exchange experiences with developing and implementing ecosystem-based approaches in national level policies and plans, including their Nationally Determined Contributions. The session will also discuss potential implications for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
10:30-12:30	<b>Implementation of EbA and Eco-DRR across sectors (CBD and partners)</b> Discussing effective design and implementation of EbA and Eco-DRR, based on information contained in the voluntary guidelines on ecosystem-based approaches and their associated briefs on sectoral integration (e.g. planning and finance, infrastructure, agriculture, health, etc.).
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Mon 26 Nov</b>	<b>Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change</b>
<i>EbA Knowledge Day on "Biodiversity conservation and infrastructure development - aligning nature-based with engineering-based solutions for disaster and climate resilience" (FEBA/PEDRR)</i> Discussing the current approaches, opportunities and challenges for aligning biodiversity conservation with infrastructure development in the context of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction both at policy and implementation level.	
13:40-14:00	<b>Opening remarks by CBD Secretariat</b> Opportunities and barriers for aligning nature-based (green) and engineering-based (grey) infrastructure based on the Voluntary Guidelines for Ecosystem-based Adaptation & Disaster Risk Reduction
14:00-15:30	<b>Panel Session: Strengthening resilience through better alignment of green and built infrastructure</b> Strengthening resilience through better alignment of green and built infrastructure –opportunities & barriers for strengthening ecosystembased approaches into policies, planning and practice
15:30- 16:15	<b>Market place: Practical examples of nature-based solutions and better alignment with engineering-based solutions for disaster and climate resilience</b> Practical examples of nature-based solutions and better alignment with engineering-based solutions for disaster and climate resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and elevator pitches for market place</li> <li>• Open exchange among participants</li> <li>• Short reflections on market place take-aways</li> </ul>
16:15-17:15	<b>Interactive expert dialogue with participants: How to better integrate nature based solutions into infrastructure planning</b> How to better integrate nature based solutions into infrastructure planning (e.g. policy maker, implementer, researcher etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion based on "controversial" statements</li> <li>• Open discussion in plenary</li> <li>• Take away messages for UNFCCC COP 24, Poland</li> </ul>
17:15	<b>Concluding remarks 6 take away messages for UNFCCC COP 24</b>
<b>Tues 27 Nov</b>	<b>Forest Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration</b>
The Forest and Ecosystem Restoration Day will showcase policy and project-level initiatives that harness the potential of sustainable forest management, forest landscape and ecosystem restoration to advance biodiversity, sustainable development and climate goals in an integrated manner. <i>Organizers and partners: Collaborative Partnership on Forests, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration, Egyptian Government, Korea Forest Service, Society for Ecosystem Restoration</i>	
09:00 – 9:30	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome address – Ham, Tae-Sik, Deputy Director, Forest Environment Conservation Division, Korea Forest Service</li> <li>• Joint intervention by Alexander Shestakov, Head of Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, CBD Secretariat and Jorge Ernesto Quezada Díaz, National CBD Focal Point of El Salvador, on building the momentum for a UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration</li> </ul>
9:30- 11:00	<b>Taking stock of global opportunities for Forest Landscape and Ecosystem Restoration</b> The assessment of opportunities for ecosystem restoration is a key step in the planning of restoration strategies, to ensure that restoration activities are implemented in areas requiring restoration and that are high



	priority taking into account ecological, economic, social and institutional realities. This session will showcase a number of global-scale assessments of ecosystem degradation and restoration opportunities, and discuss how these assessments can prepare the ground for interventions that support a range of Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
11:00- 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30-13:00	<b>Implementing the Short-Term Action Plan for Ecosystem Restoration – Resources, case studies and the role of technical and scientific cooperation</b> Adopted at CBD COP 13 in Cancun, Mexico, the Short-Term Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration aims to help Parties, as well as any relevant organizations and initiatives, to accelerate and upscale activities on ecosystem restoration. This session will introduce new resources available through partner organizations and their relevance to the different steps of the Plan. It will also showcase relevant case studies from ecological restoration projects on the ground and discuss how lessons learned from these pilot initiatives can be disseminated and applied at scale through technical and scientific cooperation.
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch courtesy of the Korea Forest Service</b>
14:00-15:45	<b>Cooperation for efficient action on forest landscape and ecosystem restoration</b> This session will explore the role that inter-institutional forums for coordination such as the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and the Global Partnership on Forests and Landscape Restoration have played in building the political momentum behind the concept of Forests and Landscape restoration and foster ambitious commitments under the Bonn Challenge. It will discuss ways in which this collaboration should continue to overcome the obstacles to actual implementation on the ground.
15:45-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00-17:30	<b>Aligning action on biodiversity with the GEF-7 Impact programmes on Sustainable Forest Management and Food, Land use and Restoration</b> The GEF-7 programming architecture includes selected cross-cutting “Impact Programs”. A central feature of the Impact Programs is that they deliver global environmental benefits across several GEF focal areas. Through the Impact Programs, the GEF will be better positioned to help countries pursue holistic and integrated approaches to promote transformational change in key economic systems in line with countries’ national development priorities. This session will look relevant analyses and proposals under the impact programs on Sustainable Forest Management and Food, Land, Use and Restoration and discuss opportunities to blend GEF funding with private sector finance and other sources.
17:30- 17:45	<b>Closing remarks for the Forest Landscapes and Ecosystem Restoration Day</b>
17:50- 18:00	<b>Closing of the Rio Conventions Pavilion</b> David Cooper, CBD Deputy Executive Secretary
18:00- 19:15	<b>Reception courtesy of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative</b>
19:15	<b>Rio Conventions Pavilion closing event</b> <i>Message to the Rio Conventions Pavilion at UNFCCC COP 24 – From the UN Decade on Biodiversity to a UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: nature-based solutions as a means of achieving the objectives of the three Rio Conventions in an integrated manner</i> <b>Closing statement by CBD Executive Secretary Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer</b>